

REMARKSClaim Changes

Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 3; Claim 3 is canceled. More particularly, claim 1 is amended to recite “A method of communicating traffic in a network, wherein the network comprises a Network Node ([[M]]NN), a Router (MR) for forwarding traffic between the network and the Internet, and a Multicast Signalling Gateway (MSG) co-located with the Router (MR), the method comprising: communicating traffic, from a source to a group (G) of nodes that includes the Network Node (NN), using at least one multicast protocol[[s]]; and translating, by the Multicast Signalling Gateway (MSG) on an outgoing router interface, signalling messages of a multicast routing protocol (MRP) into messages of a group membership protocol (GMP).” Support for this amendment can be found in former claim 3 and throughout the Specification as originally filed, and in particular at least on page 9, lines 4-9 and 15.

Claim 2 is amended to depend from claim 1.

Claims 9 and 12 are amended to clarify the language. More particularly, in claim 9, the language "in said respective list" is changed to "in the list of said respective multicast group source addresses". Claim 12 is amended to remove the quotation marks from the claim.

No amendment made is related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein. No amendment is made for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicant had argued herein that such amendment is made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references. Any remarks made herein with respect to a given claim or amendment is intended only in the context of that specific claim or amendment, and should not be applied to other claims, amendments, or aspects of Applicant's invention.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Such action is earnestly solicited by the Applicant. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or suggestions, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's attorney or agent at the telephone number indicated below.

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